

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2012

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Sheldon Simpson ----- Chairman
Dean Eisenberger
Vince Gillen
Maria Weidinger

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Simpson at 7:12 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions

1. Waste Watchers Award - Chris Kaasman - Chris Kaasman, Montgomery County Recycling Coordinator presented the 2012 PA Waste Watchers award to Plymouth Township for its exemplary performance in waste recycling.

2. Essay Contest Winner - Sydne Klein - Ms. Weidinger stated that in May, Plymouth Township Council sponsored an essay contest at the Colonial Middle School. The Essay was titled "Why we celebrate the Fourth of July". Eighth graders were selected to participate with approximately 400 essays completed. Forty were selected by their teachers for the committee to review. Sydne Klein was selected as the first place winner.

Public Comment

Mr. Simpson asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda and there was none.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Sessions held September 4, 2012 and September 10, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Simpson called for the approval of the minutes.

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| a. | Workshop Meeting | August 6, 2012 |
| b. | Regular Meeting | August 13, 2012 |
| c. | Special Meeting | August 13, 2012 |

Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman Simpson called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

ADMINISTRATION

a. 2012 Budget Meeting Dates - Ms. Weiss announced the 2013 Budget Meeting dates as follows: Monday, October 15th; Monday, October 22nd and Monday, November 19th. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in Conference Room A.

b. Plymouth Fire Company New Truck Purchase - Mr. Simpson stated that Council is in receipt of a request from Plymouth Fire Company for a release of funds in the amount of \$640,000 from the Capital Fund for the purchase of a new truck. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the release and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

c. ENPJSA Board Appointment - Mr. Simpson stated that there is a vacancy due to the passing of Ed Slanker who served as a member of the ENPJSA Board since 2007. Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint Mike Estock to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Slanker. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

d. Pension Plans CAO - Mr. Gillen reported that the Township Code requires that a Chief Administrative Officer be appointed to keep complete records of the Township pension plan. This has always been done by the Finance Director. The pension auditor has requested a resolution to formalize this responsibility. Mr. Gillen read the resolution and made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

e, Act 44 of 2009 Compliance Policy - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a request by the Pension auditors to clarify the Township's position. In 2009, Act 44 was passed by the PA State Legislation and signed by the Governor and limited the political involvement of anyone dealing with municipal pension plans. The Township is now officially adopting a policy which essentially is reiterating the standards of the law. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the policy and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Towing Contract Award - Mr. Eisenberg stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Chief Lawrence regarding the police towing contract which expires on September 30, 2012. The towing is presently done by EVB and Janeway Towing. Under the proposed contract that has been reviewed by the Chief, both Janeway and EVB continue to meet the criteria set by the Township. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the two towing agencies to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor and with the stipulation that the companies remain current on all taxes due to the Township. If the companies were to be in arrears, they would then be removed from the contract. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the award and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

b. Fireworks Permit Fee - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution to establish a fee for fireworks display permits in the amount of \$250.00. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr.

Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 11-3 Plymouthtowne Apts/Fairfield & Sandy Hill Roads

1. Expiration date October 9, 2012

b.L.D. 12-1 Brandywine Operating Partnership/134 Plymouth Road

1. Expiration Date October 13, 2012

c.Escrow Release - ACTION

1. Antioch Church - Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the escrow release for Antioch Church in the amount of \$103,799 for items completed in accordance with said plans. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

2. Brierdale - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the escrow release for Brierdale Builders in the amount of \$60,280 for items completed in accordance with said plans. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

d.Waiver Request - ACTION -

1. AT & T - 2221 Corsons Lane - Mr. Speers stated that AT & T was granted a height variance to construct a cell tower at 2221 Corsons Lane by the Township Zoning Hearing Board. The applicant is now requesting a waiver of land development. Staff reviewed the plans and is recommending a waiver subject to the conditions read. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the waiver request and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a.Mosquito Announcement - Mr. Simpson announced that the Township is conducting the mosquito spraying program again this year which includes treatments in all Township parks and certain tributaries running through Plymouth Township through September. If

additional information is needed, residents can contact Mike Estock at 610-279-4229.

ZONING

a.Zoning Hearings - Ms. Weidinger announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 17, 2012, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1)JODI L. LUKENS, 2) JEAN A. COHEN-HARTE/A.K.A. JEAN A. HARTE, 3) 601 GERMANTOWN PLAZA, I.P., C/O JAY R. SEVERAL AND 4) WM. PETER R. CROSS. Any person interested may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b.Plymouth Square Signage Hearing & Meeting - October 8th - 7:30 p.m. - Ms. Weiss announced the date and time for the hearing and meeting for amendments to the signage requirements in a shopping center district.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a.Impact Fee Amendment Ordinance - ACTION - Mr. Speers reported that last month an ordinance was read for first consideration of an amendment to the Transportation Impact fee. In accordance with Act 209, the Township appointed a Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee who reviewed the improvements needed in Plymouth Township. The ordinance is a restatement of the prior impact fee resolution with new impact fee amounts as follows: Service Area 1 \$1,638.81 and Service Area 2 \$1,668.15. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Township Building Roof Bid Award - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Rich Carbo for the municipal building roof repair bid. Five bids were received with the low bid in the amount of \$23,885.00 from Pro-Com Roofing Corporation. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the bid

award and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

b.Board Vacancy - Ms. Weiss stated the there is an applicant before Council this evening for the Building Code Appeals Board. Mr. Gillen made a motion to appoint David Jordahl to the board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno was absent.

Mr. Simpson stated that on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m., the Montgomery County Vocational Technical School is holding a Family Fun Cruise Night. At 7:00 p.m., the Montgomery County Police motorcycle unit will perform.

Mr. Gillen asked if the Township is moving forward with appointing a Census Board. Ms. Weiss stated that they are.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rick Schickling, 111 Boulder Road asked if the whole Township can be sprayed for mosquitoes. Ms. Weiss explained that the DEP sprays communities that have tested positive for West Nile Virus infected mosquito pools. Ms. Weiss stated that the Township will look into the cost and feasibility for additional spraying.

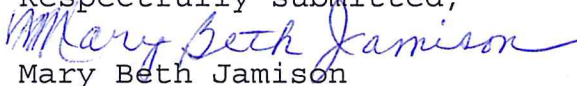
Mr. Schickling asked about the plans for the construction of a hotel on Chemical Road and if there is a possibility for plan B or C. He suggested that perhaps an offer could be made to swap land with the Public Storage property.

Mr. Simpson stated that the storage facility is a temporary use and that the Township does not know what is stored in the units.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Jamison

Recording Secretary